

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1071

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A RESOLUTION to urge the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury to keep President Andrew Jackson's portrait on the twenty dollar bill.

WHEREAS, since 1915, a portrait of President Andrew Jackson has graced the twenty dollar bill of the United States of America, an honor that is a tremendous tribute to the hero of the Battle of New Orleans and the first president from the great State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, currency design, which includes the selection of persons to be honored and which of their portraits shall appear on U.S. currency denominations, is usually determined by the United States Secretary of the Treasury with advice from the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, unless specified by an Act of Congress; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, the Treasury Department selected the ten dollar note for redesign based on a number of factors. The new bill, to be unveiled in 2020, will include various design features that celebrate democracy, including an expected tribute to the 100th anniversary of the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment, which gave women the right to vote; and

WHEREAS, the portrait of Alexander Hamilton, the first U.S. Secretary of the Treasury, would be replaced on the new ten dollar bill with that of an American woman, who would be the first woman to grace a U.S. paper note; and

WHEREAS, those who oppose the redesign of the ten dollar bill and the subsequent removal of Alexander Hamilton's portrait from the note have suggested that President Andrew Jackson should be replaced on the twenty dollar bill; and

WHEREAS, we most resolutely oppose such recommendation and find it highly appropriate to strongly voice our support for the continuation of President Andrew Jackson's proud visage on the twenty dollar bill; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby strongly urge the United States Secretary of the Treasury to oppose any attempt to remove President Andrew Jackson's portrait from the U.S. twenty dollar note.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for transmittal to the President of the United States of America, the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury, and every member of the Tennessee Congressional delegation.